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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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8 May 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR: ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF, CENTRAL PLANNING STAFF

SUBJECT: Planning Directive No. 26, issued 30 April 1946:  
Subject: Proposal for the Establishment of a  
Central Photographic Intelligence Agency

1. The undersigned in his capacity as Acting Executive, Support Branch, made a preliminary survey of the problems involved under the terms of Planning Directive No. 26, issued 30 April 1946: Subject: Proposal for the Establishment of a Central Photo Intelligence Agency.

2. Captain Dudley P. Lee, Chief, Staff Service Photo Section, Army Map Service who prepared the basic study which proposed the establishment of a Central Photo Intelligence Agency was interviewed. The undersigned, in company with the Captain, examined the resources of Captain Lee's Section. As a result of this, Captain Lee was asked to furnish certain basic information (see copy of document attached as TAB A).

3. A survey was made by the undersigned of the Pictorial Records Section, State Department. Attached as TAB B is an inventory report of that section. These records are stored in the Archives Building and Archives is trying to secure a return of the space where these records are stored. Efforts are being made to secure cooperation of proper authorities to leave these records in present location pending disposition of proposal outlined by Planning Directive No. 26. The Chief, Pictorial Records Section, State Department, has been requested for a report on the activities of the Section, i.e. number of requests made for photos, etc. The Intelligence Liaison Officer for State, Mr. Frederick G. Kilgour, has been requested to secure an evaluation of the need for such a section from the customers in State making use of the service.

4. An informal survey was made of A-2 photographic section in company with the A-2 Intelligence Liaison Officer, Major Glowka, to familiarize the undersigned with A-2's methods and procedures in connection with A-2 Photo Intelligence.

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5. It is planned to make similar surveys of the following organizations:

- a. MID
- b. Signal Corps
- c. Army Map Service

Captain Lee is making the necessary arrangements and will work through the designated Intelligence Liaison Officer to the CIG.

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Acting Executive  
Support Branch

Attached  
TAB A  
TAB B

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